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AMENDMENT AND
RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

--24. The composition of claim 1 wherein the pellets are administered in a capsule coated with a mixture of a first copolymer of methacrylic acid and methylmethacrylate and a second copolymer of methacrylic acid and methylmethacrylate, which disintegrate and release the pellets in the terminal ileum or in the colon following oral administration.--

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--25. The composition of claim 24 wherein the first copolymer dissolves at pH 6 or greater and comprises about 48% methacrylic acid units per gram dry weight of first copolymer and wherein the second copolymer dissolves at pH 7 or greater and comprises about 29% methacrylic acid units per gram dry weight of second copolymer.--

--26. The composition of claim 25 wherein the ratio of first polymer to second polymer in the mixture is between 100:0 and 20:80.--

--27. The composition of claim 25 wherein the capsule coating has a thickness between about 150 and 200 μm .--

--28. The composition of claim 25 wherein the capsule coating has a thickness between about 80 and 120 μm .--

Remarks

Claims 1-17, 19, 20, and 22 are pending. Claims 16 has been amended to specify that the salt is made in a solution used in the coating of the inner cores. Support for the amendment is found at least at page 6, lines 20-26.